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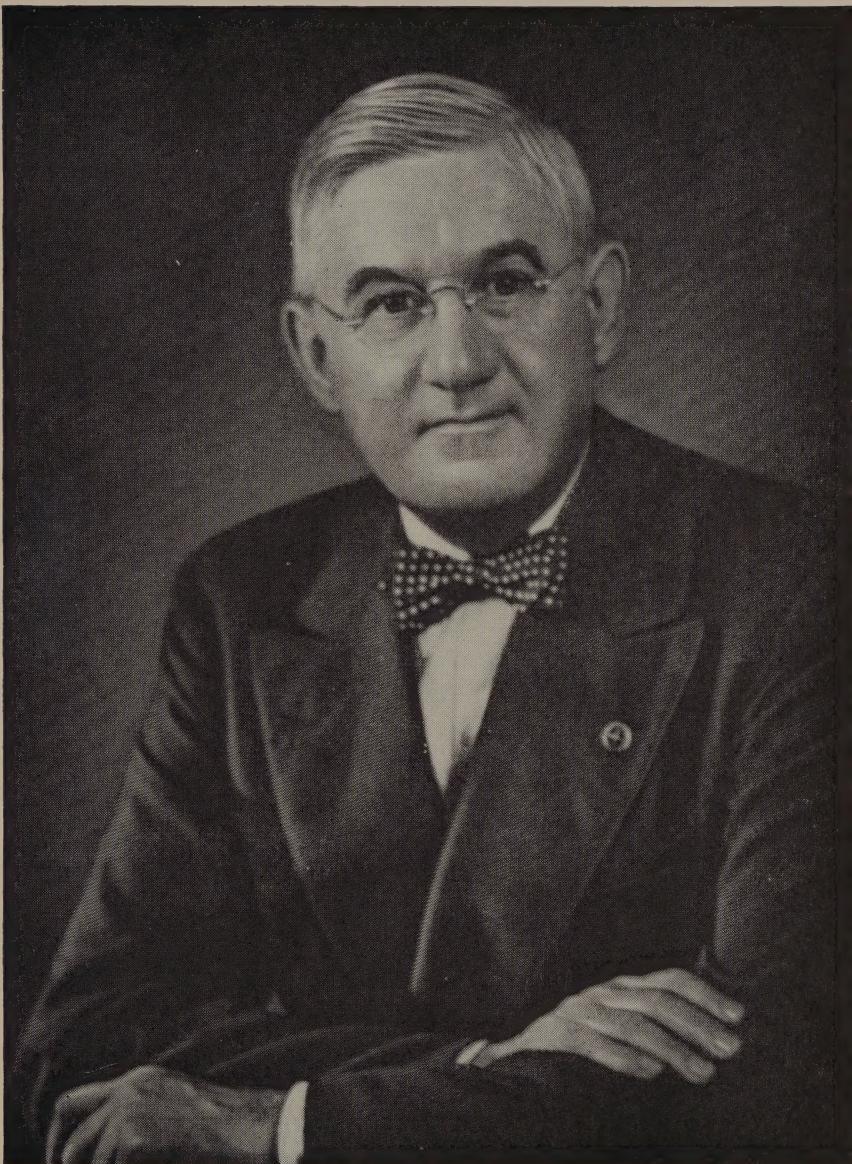


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**HARRY O. SCHROEDER,**  
*Most Worshipful Grand Master*





WILLIAM T. LIPPINCOTT, SR.  
*Worshipful Master*





ARTHUR M. KINGSBURY, SR.,  
*Senior Warden*



ALBERT B. COX,  
*Junior Warden*





## CORINTHIAN LODGE OFFICERS—1950



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So all whom it may concern.

**Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the Masonic Hall in the City of Baltimore this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and of Masonry three hundred and forty five**

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## PAST MASTERS



*DANIEL A. PIPER.....	1850	*CHARLES H. BERIGTOLD.....	1903
*A. H. PENNINGTON.....	1851	*EDWARD J. ROBERTS.....	1904
*REV. J. N. MCJILTON.....	1851-52	CHARLES D. BROWN.....	1905
*GEORGE SPEDDEN.....	1853	*JOHN HOLLER.....	1906
*JOHN T. LEWIS.....	1853-54	*ERNEST M. MULLICAN.....	1907
*REV. J. A. MCKENNEY.....	1854	*CHARLES E. LENZ.....	1908
*HARLOW W. HEATH.....	1855-56	*CHARLES W. MCKEWIN.....	1909
*WILLIAM A. COX.....	1856-58	*ALLEN T. HARRIS.....	1910
*ELIAS R. NEWMAN.....	1858	*CONRAD BERNHARD, JR.....	1911
*EDWARD L. DUFFY.....	1859	*J. BROWER GARDNER.....	1912
*W. S. SPEDDEN.....	1860	C. L. ALEX. RICHWIEN.....	1912
*EDWARD L. DUFFY.....	1860	*EDGAR L. DAVIS.....	1914
*AUGUSTUS DOUGLAS.....	1861-62	*WILLIAM F. BOYD.....	1915
*EDWARD L. DUFFY.....	1862-66	ROBERT E. KENNEDY.....	1916
*JOHN W. SKIPPER.....	1866-67	FRANCIS TUCKER.....	1917
*WILLIAM D. MCMILLAN.....	1867-68	*DR. HOWARD FREEMAN.....	1918
*GEORGE EVANS.....	1868-69	*HOWARD L. FRANCK.....	1919
*JOHN W. SKIPPER.....	1870	*CHARLES N. BAKER.....	1920
*R. M. COCHRAN.....	1870-72	*WALTER KINSLEY FORD.....	1921
*L. EDGAR FREEMAN.....	1873	PERCY F. DAVENPORT.....	1922
*H. ALBERT HOSMER.....	1874	LEO SCHARFE.....	1923
*H. C. BATCHELOR.....	1874-75	CHARLES EDWARD LENZ.....	1924
*CHARLES V. VIRTUE.....	1875-76	*GEORGE WESLEY SANFORD.....	1925
*EDWARD L. HOOPER.....	1876	OSCAR SCHARFE.....	1926
*R. M. COCHRAN.....	1877	GEORGE A. SCHUMANN.....	1927
*S. L. STOCKBRIDGE.....	1878	*CHARLES LEROY ARCHER.....	1928
*ISAIAH DEWLING.....	1878-79	CHARLES NELSON BERIGTOLD.....	1929
*SAMUEL F. PRAY.....	1880	EDWARD REESE WOLF.....	1930
*WILLIAM B. STEWART.....	1881	CHARLES J. FROEHLICH.....	1931
*HENRY C. DAILY.....	1882	WILLIAM FRANCIS KEYS.....	1932
*R. WATTENSCHEIDT.....	1883	A. J. LEVENS.....	1933
*H. ALBERT HOSMER.....	1884	CHARLES B. CREIGHTON.....	1934
*WILLIAM DOCHTERMAN.....	1885	CHESTER H. KATENKAMP.....	1935
*AMOS H. HOSMER.....	1886	LEONARD E. HEHL.....	1936
*THEODORE STUNZ.....	1887	LOUIS E. LOHMAN.....	1937
*WILLIAM DOCHTERMAN.....	1888	PAUL E. TIGNOR.....	1938
*GUSTAV HERBST.....	1889	*OSCAR T. MILES.....	1939
*SAMUEL H. WHEELER.....	1890-91	ERNEST H. PARROTT.....	1940
*WILLIAM DOCHTERMAN.....	1892	HARRY J. HILGEMAN.....	1941
*WILLIAM T. LECHLIDER.....	1893	DAVID A. BRADLEY.....	1942
*ALBERT W. LOETELL.....	1894-95	GEORGE W. DELLA.....	1943
*WILLIAM LECHLIDER.....	1896	PAUL J. MARSHNER.....	1944
*LORENZ RUHLAND.....	1897	*EDWARD R. FUNK.....	1945
*JOSEPH A. McCAGHEY.....	1898-99	WILBERT E. GILDEA.....	1946
*WALTER R. MCGEE.....	1900	WILLIAM W. COURSEY.....	1947
*CHARLES W. LEWIS.....	1901	LUTHER B. CONNELLY.....	1948
*SAMUEL C. BOTTOM.....	1902	ROBERT FREMIN LOETELL.....	1949

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## FRESH FRUIT COCKTAIL

HEARTS OF CELERY

MIXED OLIVES

SALTED ALMONDS

PUREE OF PEA EN TASSE

ROAST STUFFED MARYLAND TURKEY

WHIPPED POTATOES

GREEN PEAS IN BUTTER

HEARTS OF LETTUCE & TOMATO

FRENCH DRESSING

FANCY FORM ICE CREAM PETIT FOURLS

COFFEE

MINTS

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ALEXANDRIA—WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 22

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

BY LEONARD TROUT

DANCING

MUSIC BY

RUDY KILIAN'S ORCHESTRA

# DIVINE SERVICES



## Northwood-Appold Methodist Church

Loch Raven Boulevard at Cold Spring Lane

*ROBERT HUTSON PARKER, Minister*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1950—8:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

"Agnus Dei"

*Bizet*

LODGE PROCESSION

INTROIT—The Lord is in His Holy Temple,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name!" (1st Tune)

No. 164

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

*People:* O THOU THAT HEAREST PRAYER, UNTO THEE SHALL ALL FLESH COME.

*Minister:* Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

*People:* WE SHALL BE SATISFIED WITH THE GOODNESS OF THY HOUSE, EVEN OF THY HOLY TEMPLE.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER.....Seated

Almighty and merciful God, the fountain of all goodness, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts; we confess that we have sinned against thee, and done evil in thy sight. Cleanse us from sin; give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things; that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and, following in the footsteps of thy blessed Son, obtain thy mercy, and enter into thy promised joy. *Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE.....By the Minister

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Chanted

ANTHEM "Build Ye More Stately Mansions"Andrews

RESPONSIVE READING "What Is Good?"Page 580

GLORIA PATRI

THE APOSTLES' CREED

EVENING LESSON John 1:35-42

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Choral Response

OFFERTORY "Allegretto"Grieg

ANTHEM "Great Is Jehovah"Schubert

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS.....The Doxology

HYMN OF PREPARATION "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"No. 213

SERMON MAKING THE BEST OF YOUR OPPORTUNITY

RECESSATIONAL HYMN "Rise Up, O Men of God!"No. 267

BENEDICTION.....Choral Amen

QUIET MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Fanfare"Lemmens

## ANNIVERSARY EVENTS OF 1950



<i>Friday—February 24, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting, Entertainment—Movies, Refreshments.
<i>Friday—March 24, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting, M. M. Degree, Entertainment by Bro. Charles Hamilton and String Quartet, Refreshments.
<i>Sunday—April 16, 1950</i>	Divine Services—Bonnie Blink.
<i>Thursday—April 13, 1950</i>	Visitation to Alexandria—Washington Lodge No. 22.
<i>Friday—April 28, 1950</i>	Regluar meeting—Father and Son Night, Refreshments.
<i>Friday—May 5, 1950</i>	Spring Dance and Entertainment, Refreshments.
<i>Friday—May 26, 1950</i>	Alexandria—Washington Lodge No. 22, Entertainment by Bro. Charles Hamilton and String Quartet, Refreshments.
<i>Friday—June 9, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting, Past Masters Entertainment Night—Play ("A Rose Upon the Altar.") Refreshments.
<i>Wednesday—September 20, 1950</i>	Entertainment at Bonnie Blink for Residents.
<i>Friday—September 22, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting, Entertainment—Illustrated Lecture, "Masonic Museum," Refreshments.
<i>Friday—October 27, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting—Speaker Dr. A. L. Ewald, Jr. Refreshments.
<i>Friday—November 10, 1950</i>	Commemoration—One Hundredth Anniversary—Dr. Chester H. Katenkamp, P. M. Refreshments.
<i>Wednesday—November 15, 1950</i>	One Hundredth Anniversary Dinner & Dance—Lord Baltimore Hotel.
<i>Sunday—November 19, 1950</i>	Divine Services—Appold M. E. Church (One Hundredth Anniversary).
<i>Friday—November 24, 1950</i>	Regular Meeting—Past Master's Night. Memorial Services—Refreshments.

## THE ORGANIZATION OF CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 93, A. F. & A. M.



Although Daniel A. Piper, its first Master, had been a former member of Concordia Lodge No. 13 the organization of Corinthian Lodge No. 93 may properly be traced to Warren Lodge No. 51. At the regular meeting of this latter organization, held on October 8, 1850, at the Masonic Hall on St. Paul Street a petition for resignation was received from the following members; the Rev. John N. McJilton, J. R. W. Dunbar, Charles R. Hardesty, and James G. Neal. These men, together with George A. Spedden, whose resignation was accepted at the next meeting, presumably withdrew to organize a new lodge for which, on September 22, 1850, they had asked a dispensation of Grand Master Charles H. Ohr. Accordingly, under the authority of the dispensation which had been granted to them, they organized the new lodge on October 9, 1850, named it Corinthian Lodge No. 93, and selected the following officers:

Daniel A. Piper, P.S.G.W.,	<i>Worshipful Master</i>
Rev. John N. McJilton,	<i>Senior Warden</i>
William H. Baltzell,	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Charles Tucker,	<i>Secretary</i>
William B. Norris,	<i>Treasurer</i>

Under the leadership of the Worshipful Master, Brother Daniel A. Piper, the new lodge adopted By-laws and conducted its routine business uneventfully until November 18, 1850 when, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, it submitted the following petition for a charter:

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland:

The officers and members of a lodge working under dispensation at Baltimore, surrender their dispensation to the Grand Lodge and respectfully ask that a charter may be granted them in the name of Corinthian Lodge No.—. Their Book of Proceedings, together with a return of their members, they also submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

(Signed)      D. A. Piper, W.M.  
                    John N. McJilton, S.W.

After the Grand Secretary, Joseph Robinson, had reported the receipt of this petition, together with the Book of Proceedings, Dispensation, and By-laws of the Lodge, a committee was appointed to consider the petition and submit a report. On the same evening, the committee to whom the application was referred reported that, having found the By-laws and Proceedings of Corinthian Lodge to be in accordance with Masonic usage

and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, they recommended that a charter be granted to said lodge. Accordingly, on motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a charter as prayed for to Corinthian Lodge No. 93. When the Grand Lodge convened on the following evening, Grand Master Ohr installed the officers of the new lodge in open Grand Lodge and delivered the charter to Daniel A. Piper, the Worshipful Master. Thus began the prosperous, although relatively placid, existence of Corinthian Lodge No. 93, the second Corinthian Lodge in this jurisdiction.\*

Its subsequent history, as revealed by the minutes, appears to have been more or less uneventful. However, such equanimity hardly seems possible. A more likely assumption is that the stereotyped character of the records has led to the exclusion of many valuable items of interest. The proper interpretation of the extracts which follow, therefore, requires that they be somewhat embellished. For this reason, certain explanatory notes, gleaned from various sources, have been appended.

\*NOTE--The first Corinthian Lodge in Maryland was Corinthian Lodge No. 54 for which a charter was granted on November 7, 1814. The men forming this Lodge were resigned members of Cassia Lodge No. 45. Although well started, Corinthian Lodge No. 54 did not prove to be a success. At the Grand Lodge communication of November 5, 1821, it surrendered its charter and most of its members reaffiliated with Cassia Lodge No. 45. Corinthian Lodge No. 93 had no connection whatsoever with Corinthian Lodge No. 54.

# MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 93, A. F. & A. M.



Wednesday Evening Oct. 9,  
A. L. 5850 A. D. 1850

The following brethren assembled this evening at the Masonic Hall, and, by virtue of a Dispensation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, proceeded to open a Master Mason's Lodge.

Brother D. A. Piper .....	<i>Worshipful Master</i>
Brother J. N. McJilton .....	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Brother Dushane .....	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Brother Jas. G. Neale .....	<i>Senior Deacon</i>
Brother G. A. Spedden .....	<i>Junior Deacon</i>
Brother Wm. B. Norris .....	<i>Secretary</i>

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form and tyled by Bro. Lusby.

Bro. Jas. Logue of Union Lodge No. 60, was present as a visiting Brother.

Bros. McJilton, Neale, and Norris were appointed a committee to draft By-laws for the government of this Lodge.

The Secretary was directed to return the thanks of this Lodge to Warren Lodge No. 51 for the kind tender of the use of their jewels.

The W. Master then called the Lodge off from labour until Friday evening next, October 11 at 7 P. M.

William B. Norris  
Sec. P. Tem.

On October 11, William H. Baltzell took his place as Junior Warden and Brothers C. R. Hardesty and Charles Tucker made their first appearance.

## SUBSEQUENT HISTORY OF CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 93, A. F. & A. M.



UNDER no circumstances should the brief treatment accorded the items selected for the following chronicle be construed as an exhaustive study of the history of the Lodge. The events chosen have been set forth only as the barest of outlines in the hope that the list will be extended and elaborated when time and funds permit.

*December 12, 1850:* The first fulfilled petition for initiation in the history of the Lodge was received from the Reverend Thomas A. Quinan; occupation, clergyman; residence, Saratoga near Pine Street. Brother Quinan was elected January 8, 1851; entered January 8, 1851; passed February 12, 1851; and raised March 5, 1851.

*December 27, 1850:* "Brother Piper who had, at the previous meeting, been elected Worshipful Master, declined acting as such, when Brother A. H. Pennington was elected Worshipful Master and Brother J. N. McJilton was elected as Senior Warden."

*June 11, 1851:* "This being the day appointed for the election of officers, the Lodge proceeded to a ballot for the officers to serve for the next six months." Brother John N. McJilton was elected Worshipful Master and was installed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. The Reverend John N. McJilton was born in Baltimore in 1805. He first appears as a member of the Craft in the May, 1845 Grand Lodge reports when he is reported as a member of Warren Lodge No. 51. As chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge he attracted considerable attention because of the scholarly treatment of his reports. He was the founder of the Maryland Institute. He was elected Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge on November 18, 1862 or twelve years from the time when, as Senior Warden of Corinthian Lodge, he had applied for its charter. Six years before his death he accepted the invitation to become Rector of the Madison Street P. E. Mission Chapel in New York. However, he had held this position but a short time when, chronic disease having undermined his health, he was forced to abandon his profession. He died in New York City on April 13, 1875. His remains were brought to Baltimore City and interred in Greenmount Cemetery by Maryland Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars.

*June 23, 1852:* "A communication from Brother D. A. Piper desiring to withdraw from the Lodge was read and granted."

*February 8, 1854:* "A communication was received from the Washington Monument Committee requesting the Lodge to forward to them the first installment of \$12.50 on a donation of fifty dollars voted them by the Lodge at a previous meeting. It was moved and seconded that the same be done and the Secretary was then instructed to draw upon the Treasurer for this sum." Twenty dollars more was sent later.

*September 12, 1855:* "The subject of the distressed condition of the inhabitants of Norfolk, Virginia by the ravages of Yellow Fever was brought before the Lodge and it was, on motion, resolved that fifty dollars be donated to the Masonic Fraternity of Norfolk and that a subscription be taken up among the membership of the Lodge in order to return the amount to the treasury of the Lodge, a great portion of which was subscribed by the members present."

*February 26, 1864:* "A committee consisting of Brothers Douglas, Edgar, and Benson, was appointed to meet with committees of other lodges to get up a grand Masonic levee." This celebration, which had been inaugurated by the officers of Arcana Lodge No. 110, was held on April 2, 1864 by special dispensation of Grand Master John Coates. About nine hundred ladies and gentlemen were present.

*July 14, 1865:* "Brothers Birch, Kirwan, Douglas, and Duffy were appointed a committee to affect the release of Brother Victor Moran, confined in Fort McHenry." (A prisoner of war.)

*July 28, 1865:* "Committee in the case of Brother Victor Moran reported his release."

*March 9, 1866:* "A motion was made and carried that Corinthian Lodge should subscribe with fifty shares of the stock for the erection of a new Masonic Temple, was, however, reconsidered and finally ordered that the Treasurer of the Lodge shall pay the forty shares already subscribed for and take ten shares additional after the payment of the first subscription. It was moved and carried that Brother Douglas shall invite the members to individual subscription for this purpose." For some years the Masonic Hall on Saint Paul Street had been inadequate to the needs of the Fraternity in Baltimore. The United States Courts had been provided with their own quarters, leaving the first floor of the building unremunerative and various propositions for the alteration and extension of the building had been discussed as also a plan for selling it and building elsewhere. At the May 1864 communication of the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Coates recommended that the enterprise be inaugurated. It was resolved to issue stock to the extent of \$200,000.00 and that as soon as the subscriptions thereto amounted to \$50,000.00 the Grand Charity Fund should be invested in the same security. It was to this stock that the above resolution of Corinthian Lodge applied.

*May 25, 1866:* "Brothers R. H. Moran, John T. Pilson, Washington Head, Geo. H. Welslager, and Charles G. Griffiths asked for their demits which were granted." These men withdrew to assist in the organization of Pythagoras Lodge No. 123 for which Grand Master Coates, upon the recommendation of Center Lodge No. 108, had issued a Dispensation on January 6, 1866. R. H. Moran became the first Worshipful Master; John Pilson became the first Senior Warden; W. L. Suratt (Sharrett) who demitted from Corinthian Lodge on June 8, 1866, became the first Junior Warden; and Geo. W. Benson, M.D., who had likewise demitted from Corinthian Lodge on June 8, 1866, became the first Treasurer of this lodge which received its charter on May 14, 1866.

*November 17, 1866:* "It was moved and seconded that \$20.00 be appropriated to-

wards procuring a band of music. Brother McMillan was appointed a committee to procure regalia for Brother C. C. Cox who was appointed Marshall on the day of the procession. The Secretary was directed to insert an advertisement in THE SUN on the 19th and 20th inst. giving notice as to where the members were to assemble. These minutes reflect the part played by Corinthian Lodge in the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new (at that time) Masonic Temple. In November 1865, the building committee, which had been appointed at the May 1864 communication of the Grand Lodge, reported the purchase of a site on North Charles Street and, in the following May additional ground was secured to enlarge the lot.

On November 20, 1866, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone of the new Temple with imposing ceremonies. A huge parade through streets thronged with spectators halted at the Franklin Street residence of Governor Swann in order to receive distinguished guests. Here the procession was joined by the Governor and his staff and also Brother Andrew Johnson, President of the United States and his Secretary, Past Master Robert Johnson. Led by these outstanding figures, the parade moved to the site of the Temple where in the midst of a brilliant assemblage and attended by a mixed choir of two hundred voices, the Grand Lodge laid the cornerstone.

*September 13, 1867:* "The invitation to visit and participate in the ceremonies of the dedication of Antietam cemetery was accepted."

The cornerstone of the Antietam National Monument in the Soldiers Cemetery, at Antietam, Md. was laid by the Grand Lodge on September 17, 1867.

*October 17, 1867:* "The Grand Lodge of Maryland and a number of City lodges assembled at the Masonic Hall on St. Paul Street (they were not settled in the new Temple at the time) and, escorted by the Knights Templars, marched to the site of the new City Hall at Fayette and Lexington Streets, and, in accordance with ancient usage, laid the cornerstone of that edifice."

*November 27, 1868:* "Brothers Hosmer, Cochrane, Travers, Evans, and Cassard were appointed a committee to solicit contributions for Temple stock." The pressure for money for the new Temple was beginning to be felt. The financial plight of the Fraternity after the completion of the Temple became critical and the forced sale of the Temple to satisfy its liens was only prevented by the struggle for priority among the various claimants.

*December 11, 1868:* "Brothers Travers, Cornelius, and Williams appointed a committee to act with the committee of the G. Stewards Lodge to furnish the new Temple."

*January 22, 1869:* "Action of the committee in regard to the selection of room in new Temple approved."

*May 28, 1869:* "On motion of Brother Cornelius, the next regular communication was directed to be advertised in case the lodge meets in the new Temple." The first meeting in the new Temple was June 25, 1869.

*July 9, 1869:* "The following resolution was read and ordered to lay over two weeks according to the Constitution.

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland did at its last Semi-annual Communication, pass a resolution making it the duty of all Master Masons under this jurisdiction to pay in addition to their regular dues the sum of two dollars per annum to pay the interest on the Temple debt,

Therefore, Be it resolved that the members of this Lodge shall be charged for the same in connection with their dues."

*September 10, 1869:* "On motion the following members were appointed a committee from this Lodge to act with like committees of other lodges to inaugurate a Masonic Library: Brothers Brown, Kirwan, Hadaway, Traverse, and Cornelius."

*January 14, 1870:* "The following brethren were granted demits, they having paid their dues to date; Peter C. Slaughter, E. A. Nusbuckle, J. H. Kirwan, Wm. Hoffman, Christian Schmidt."

*January 28, 1870:* "The following brethren were granted their demits they being square on the books; Rev. J. Emmart Brown, Geo. Evans, Samuel H. Traverse, John W. Cornelius." These men, together with those listed above, withdrew to assist in the organization of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 151 for which a Dispensation had been granted on December 11, 1869. Of this group, the following men became the first officers under the charter which was granted on May 16, 1870: John H. Kirwan, Worshipful Master; John W. Cornelius, Senior Warden; Geo. Evans, Secretary; and Samuel H. Traverse, Treasurer.

*September 24, 1871:* The Craft suffered a great loss in the death of Past Grand Master John Coates who had been Grand Master from 1863 to 1868.

*October 13, 1871:* Brothers C. E. Blaney, Davis, and Freeman were appointed a committee to solicit contributions in accordance with edict from M. W. G. M. This edict was to encourage contributions for the sufferers of the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871. The lodges of Maryland contributed the sum of \$3,456.62.

*December 27, 1872:* The following communication was read and left to the Worshipful Master elect.

Baltimore, Maryland  
December 27th, 1872

Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren.

"Whereas strict attention to duty, meritorious services, gentlemanly deportment and urbanity of manner deserves more than a passing notice by this Lodge and believing that P. M. R. M. Cochrane has combined all of the foregoing qualities during his administration as W. M. of this Lodge for five consecutive terms during which time the Lodge has been brought to a state of unparalleled prosperity, Therefore, Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable testimonial of our appreciation of his services and that the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated or so much thereof as may be necessary for said purpose."

*February 14, 1873:* "The committee appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to P. M. Cochrane reported through Brother Virtue having attended to same and on motion of Brother Gosnell the Lodge ratified the work of the committee. P. M. Cochrane being invited in was presented with the resolutions by Brother Virtue and received by Brother Cochrane in very pleasant happy address." This is the first mention of a material recognition of appreciation to a retiring Master.

*February 28, 1873:* "A letter was received from P. G. M. J. A. McKenney enclosing a check for twenty dollars which he stated he donated to the Lodge for the relief of Master Masons, their widows and orphans, of this Lodge. On motion P. M. Cochrane (now Secretary) was requested to answer the communication and return the thanks of the Lodge." This is the first record of any donation to the Lodge other than dues.

The Reverend James A. McKenney, a native of Kent County, Md., was educated in the General Theological Seminary in New York and became a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. He petitioned Corinthian Lodge on September 8, 1852, was elected on October 8, 1852, was entered on October 27, 1852, was passed on November 11, 1852 and was raised on November 11, 1852. He was elected Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge on June 14, 1854 and on December 13, 1854 was reelected to that position. He was appointed Grand Lecturer in 1855 and was elected Grand Master in 1856 in which capacity he served for one year. He died, a bachelor, on November 20, 1880 in his 74th year.

*August 13, 1874:* "A communication was received from J. Carroll Brent of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the National Washington Monument Society, soliciting a donation to complete the unfinished monument during the year 1876. On motion of Brother Virtue the communication was referred to the Standing Committee authorizing them to collect as much money as possible and then for the lodge to make a donation."

The cornerstone of the Washington Monument in Washington, D. C. had been laid on July 4, 1848, but the structure had never been completed. \$500,000.00 was needed to place the cap-stone on the shaft.

*June 24, 1875:* "A communication was received from J. H. B. Latrobe, Grand Master, stating that, as it is impossible for the Grand Lodge at the present time to pay any interest upon the Grand Lodge stock, he respectfully requests the stock held by each subordinate lodge be returned to the Grand Lodge to be held by them in trust until such time as a fund shall be created to pay all outside holders and afterwards pay a dividend to all stockholders without exception. Brother Hooper moved that Corinthian Lodge concur in the request of the Grand Master and the stock held by this Lodge be transferred to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in trust. So ordered."

*October 14, 1875:* "Brother E. L. Hooper stated to the Lodge that on the 19th of next November, Corinthian Lodge would be twenty-five years old and as he deemed it a suitable time to have a social reunion, he would move that a committee of three be

appointed to arrange some suitable plan for celebrating the occasion, and to report at next Lodge night."

*October 28, 1875:* "Brother Hooper as chairman of the centennial committee reported that in consultation with the members of the committee he deemed it advisable to have the reunion on our regular communication of November 25...."

*December 9, 1875:* "The centennial committee reported, through Brother E. L. Hooper, that after the Lodge was closed on the last Lodge night (November 25, 1875) the quarter-centennial anniversary was celebrated in the East room in a very becoming and pleasing manner by a banquet participated in with about 42 members."

*February 13, 1879:* "On motion of Past Master Hooper, the sum of five dollars was appropriated to the ladies representing Corinthian Lodge in the Masonic Fair Association for the purpose of purchasing material to make sundry articles for the table of Corinthian Lodge." These minutes refer to the Masonic Fair held from April 16, 1879 to April 30, 1879 inclusive. The Grand Lodge reports show that, on the evening of December 4, 1878, there was a large meeting of Masons, their families, and lady friends, in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. At this meeting the ladies consented to assume the burden of holding a fair to raise funds to be used in liquidating the debt on the Temple. Apparently Corinthian Lodge participated in the fair which was a huge success, the receipts amounting to the handsome total of \$25,440.56.

*March 13, 1879:* "Brother John M. Carter, Most Worshipful Grand Master was announced and received with Masonic honors by the Lodge. The Grand Master made a few remarks in which he suggested that, to assist the Grand Lodge in shortly paying the stockholders of Masonic Temple stock outside of the members and lodges a dividend, this lodge donate absolutely to the Grand Lodge of Maryland the stock owned by us and now held by them in trust. The suggestion of the Grand Master was embodied in a motion by Brother Pray and unanimously adopted and the stock of this lodge was surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland absolutely."

*April 10, 1879:* "The following communication was received from John M. Carter, Grand Master.

Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren  
of Corinthian Lodge No. 93 A. F. & A. M.

Baltimore, April 7, 1879.

I am directed by the executive committee to request that you will contribute to the success of the Fair by calling off your Lodge from the 16th to the 28th of April so that we can have the entire Temple at command.

*June 12, 1879:* "H. H. Garriques, Worshipful Master and J. Gott, Past Master of Doric Lodge No. 124 visited the Lodge and asked for the appointment of a committee to confer with similar committee from Doric and Maryland Lodge in regard to preparing a suitable testimonial to be presented to each lady connected with the booths of the above lodges in the recent Masonic Fair. On motion it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed."

*September 23, 1880:* "The Worshipful Master stated to the Lodge that he had attended a meeting of Masons called by the Grand Master on Wednesday, September 15 and the Grand Master stated that the Grand Lodge would take part in the procession of Tuesday, October 12, and the Master advised the members of the Lodge to assist in making the demonstration a success." These minutes refer to the festival held by the citizens of Baltimore in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the city. There was a series of parades, lasting through four days, of trade organizations, military and fire departments, and religious and secret societies. Although the Grand Lodge at first refused to participate on the ground that only a Masonic occasion could justify a parade by that body, it finally yielded to the importunities on the City authorities and agreed to take part. Accordingly, on October 12, 1880, a parade of the various Masonic bodies, together with approximately seven thousand public school pupils, marched through the Western and Northwestern parts of the city, and, after being reviewed by the Governor and Mayor terminated at the City Hall.

*October 26, 1882:* "A communication was received from Grand Master John S. Tyson, inviting the members of the Craft generally to participate in the laying of the cornerstone of the new (at that time) Post Office during the early part of November. The invitation was accepted." After a lengthy procession, the stone was lowered into place as the bell in the City Hall tolled three on November 12, 1882.

*May 12, 1887:* "The centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was celebrated by a procession through the principal streets of Baltimore, concluding at the Academy of Music on Howard Street where an historical oration was delivered. Corinthian Lodge No. 93 was in the second division of the parade. The brethren were clothed in black suit, silk hat, white gloves, and lambskin apron. Besides participating in the parade, Corinthian Lodge was represented on the Hospitality Committee by the following members; H. A. Hosmer, Samuel F. Pray, James Blaney, Lawrence A. Door, and Harry C. Jones."

*November 27, 1889:* "A second Masonic Fair was held by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This fair, in which fifteen hundred ladies participated, was larger than the first and netted a total of \$62,000.00."

*July 26, 1890:* John Snowden Tyson, Grand Master 1880-84, died on this date.

*December 25, 1890:* Under the auspices of Samuel H. Wheeler, Worshipful Master, Corinthian Lodge held its regular meeting at 9 A. M. An election of officers was held and Samuel H. Wheeler was reelected Worshipful Master. Shortly after the lodge had been closed, the Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire. This conflagration wrecked the entire building and destroyed many valuable records and property. Since the minutes of Corinthian Lodge from 1885 to 1890 are missing, it is presumed they were lost in the fire.

*January 2, 1891:* The Grand Lodge of Maryland held a special communication in the old United States Court House which had been secured by the Grand Master, Thomas J.

Shryock, and in one week arranged to house the Fraternity in a comfortable manner. The Grand Master spoke of the terrible loss sustained by the Fraternity and presented medals to those who had distinguished themselves by courageously rescuing valuable records and jewels from the fire.

*January 22, 1891:* Bill for new books and stationery amounting to \$13.85 was ordered paid.

*September 11, 1891:* Grand Master John H. B. Latrobe, who during his tenure from 1870 to 1877 laid the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple, the City Hall, and the Post Office, died on this date.

*September 12, 1893:* The Masonic Temple on Charles Street, having been completely restored, was dedicated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock.

*June 11, 1896:* "The Worshipful Master appointed Charles H. Seward as Marshall of the Lodge on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the Court House." The cornerstone was laid by Grand Master Shryock at 4 P. M. in a colorful ceremony. At the meeting of June 25, 1896, the Worshipful Master "expressed much pleasure with the large number of brethren who participated in the parade at the laying of the cornerstone of the Court House and returned his thanks to the members for their ready response."

*May 13, 1897:* "A communication was received from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, requesting the Lodge to forego its meeting of October 12, as the Grand Lodge of Maryland had tendered the entire Temple to the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for their use from October 11, to October 15."

*November 22, 1900:* "After the Lodge had closed, the members proceeded to the Banquet Room to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge which was celebrated in a very pleasant manner."

*January 24, 1901:* "A communication was read from Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock relating to the death of John Summerfield Berry, Past Grand Master, giving a brief history of Brother Berry's life and ordering that the altars of Masonry throughout the state be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days." General Berry was Grand Master from 1861 to 1869.

*September 19, 1901:* "William McKinley, President of the United States, died by the hand of an assassin on this date. The Grand Lodge of Maryland held an extraordinary communication at which the Grand Master made the following remarks as a part of his address: "The people of the world are bowed with grief at his loss, and it is right and proper the brethren of the Fraternity should join in the great tribute that is being paid to our brother, William McKinley. He was, in every respect, a great and good man and, in honoring his memory, we honor ourselves."

*February 11, 1904:* "The following communication from the Grand Master was read:

February 11, 1904

Office of the Grand Master  
Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Md.

To the Masonic Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction of Maryland;

Greeting:

In view of the terrible calamity which has befallen the City, the Grand Master has to request that the Masonic Lodges dispense with all festivities of any kind or character and devote their energies to the relief of the distressed.

Yours very truly and fraternally,  
Thomas J. Shryock  
Grand Master.

Motion made that committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with the Standing Committee to assist all Brothers who have suffered from the great fire if there be such Brothers needing assistance. Motion adopted.

The Baltimore Fire started on Sunday, February 7, 1904 between the hours of 10 and 11 A. M. in the building of John E. Hurst Company at the corner of German (now Redwood) and Sharp Streets. It burned for several days, consumed 1343 buildings and destroyed property valued at fifty million dollars, of which thirty-two million were covered by insurance.

*January 17, 1908:* The Masonic Temple was destroyed by fire a second time. The fire occurred past midnight and, when discovered, had wrecked the entire upper portion of the building leaving only the walls.

*January 22, 1908:* The regular meeting of Corinthian Lodge on this date was held in the hall of Tuscan Lodge No. 202.

*February 12, 1908:* The regular meeting of Corinthian Lodge on the above date was held in the annex of the old United States Court House which, through the courtesy of the United States Government was used to house the Craft for a short time.

*August 2, 1908:* The first meeting of Corinthian Lodge in the warehouse at Gay and Water Streets was a special Sunday communication to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, Charles H. Myers. These quarters were secured by the fraternity when it became necessary to move from the Court House so that it might be demolished to make room for the new addition to the Post Office.

*November 10, 1909:* The regular meeting of Corinthian Lodge on this date was held at Benson's Hall, the home of Pickering Lodge No. 146.

*September 22, 1909:* Communication read from the Grand Master relating to the dedication of the new Temple by the Grand Lodge on the 16th of November.

*November 16, 1909:* The reconstructed Temple was dedicated by Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock attended by thirty Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters representing twenty-five states. This is the building at present used by the Craft.

*November 22, 1909:* The first communication of Corinthian Lodge to be held in the new Masonic Temple was a special communication held on this date to attend the funeral of our late brother and Secretary, Joseph E. Taylor.

*February 14, 1912:* It was proposed to change the meeting nights of the Lodge to the second and fourth Fridays and to use the Roman Room for future meetings. This was adopted on February 28, 1912.

*September 7, 1914:* The Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of North Point, the repulse of the British, and the birth of the "Star Spangled Banner" was held by the citizens of Baltimore. The celebration was continued during the entire week of September 7, 1914 with industrial, municipal, historical, naval, and military parades. Not the least of the beautiful decorations throughout the city was that sponsored by the Grand Lodge. The Court of Honor, as it was called, was on Charles Street in front of the Temple and was so well executed that the Masonic Fraternity was awarded a magnificent silver cup as a special prize by the National Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration Committee.

*July 3, 1915:* John Merriken Carter, Grand Master 1878-79, died this date.

*June 8, 1917:* "It was regularly moved and seconded and unanimously adopted that the Lodge subscribe to \$1000.00 of the Liberty Loan Bonds."

*February 8, 1918:* It was ordered that a page (in the minute book) be set aside to the memory of Brother Thomas J. Shryock who died on February 3, 1918. General Shryock was Grand Master from 1885 to 1918 and during the thirty-three years of his incumbency, the Craft made remarkable progress.

*February 22, 1918:* Brother Jording spoke to the Lodge on the subject of Smilage Books. On motion it was ordered that as many books be purchased as there are brethren enlisted in the service.

*April 12, 1918:* "On motion duly seconded the Trustees were instructed to purchase a \$1000.00 bond of the Third Liberty Loan."

*April 26, 1918:* "It was ordered that a service flag be displayed at each communication."

*October 11, 1918:* "The committee on the Fourth Liberty Loan addressed the Lodge. Subscriptions totaling \$13,600.00 were thereupon handed in."

*September 26, 1918:* Brother Harry E. Forrest, Sergeant, Company I, 313th Infantry, who had been raised for us by Odenton Lodge No. 209 on June 22, 1918, was killed in action.

*December 27, 1918:* "The following motion was adopted. That all brethren who had notified the Secretary that they had entered into the service of the country since war was declared should be exempt from dues until demobilized."

*April 9, 1920:* A letter was received from Charles C. Homer, Jr., Grand Master, announcing the purchase of the property in the rear of the Masonic Temple on which to erect a proposed addition to the Temple. After outlining the proposed scheme to finance the purchase of the land the erection of the addition, the Grand Master asked the Lodge to consider investing its surplus funds in Grand Lodge notes to bear interest at five percent. The matter was referred to the Trustees for study and report.

*April 23, 1920:* The Trustees recommended that \$2000.00 be loaned to the Grand Lodge to aid in the financing of the new Temple and upon motion the recommendation was adopted and the loan authorized. Loan was not made. See Nov. 21, 1922.

*September 8, 1922:* Past Master Gardner spoke of our late brother, Wm. B. Norris who was killed by bandits in August and expressed the thought and hope that Corinthian Lodge might be able to go on record in some manner showing before the Craft and the world at large our interest in our late Brother and the deplorable manner in which he met his death.

*March 9, 1922:* Charles Christopher Homer, Jr., Grand Master, 1918-19 died on this date.

*May 9, 1922:* "The Grand Lodge adopted the following recommendation: That the Grand Lodge of Maryland recommend and urge the lodges and individual Masons in this jurisdiction to provide money toward the establishment of a fund intended to procure a "Masonic home."

*November 21, 1922:* At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, Brother John H. Elliott contributed the first dollar toward the cost of a Masonic Home. He was immediately followed by many others, among whom was Past Master J. Brower Gardner of Corinthian Lodge.

*November 21, 1922:* Grand Master Seipp, in his address to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, mentioned that, in 1918, 1361 men had been raised to the Sublime Degree, that, in 1920, 3867 men had been raised, that, in 1921, 3127 men had received the third degree and that, in 1922, the rush had begun to taper off as only 1522 men had been given the third degree. He also mentioned that because of the particular financial strain of the times, it was deemed unwise to proceed with the building plans and, for that reason, the project had been postponed until conditions within as well as without the Craft make it necessary to reconsider the matter.

*November 24, 1922:* "Past Masters Gardner and Ford spoke of the proposition offered in the Grand Lodge in regards to a Masonic home in Maryland."

*January 12, 1923:* "The question deferred from the first meeting night in December to this communication in reference to the appeal from the Volunteers of America Hospital was then taken up and Past Master Gardner spoke in favor of contributing to the Hospital and also spoke of the project of a Masonic home and made an appeal for contributions

for both objects with the suggestion that the standing committee decide how much of the contribution should go to the Hospital. This was favorably received and the brethren contributed \$114.10, \$25.00 of which the Standing Committee awarded to the Hospital." This is the first donation from Corinthian Lodge. Since this time, subsequent contributions have increased this meager effort to the pleasing total of \$12,269.00.

This amount, which, in a large measure, represents the personal subscriptions of the several members, places Corinthian Lodge fifth of all the lodges in Maryland.

*September 14, 1923:* "Past Master Gardner made a motion that a page in our proceedings be set aside in memory of our late brother, Warren G. Harding, late President of the United States. A letter from Grand Master Seipp was read asking assistance for Japan." The committee appointed for the purpose collected seventy dollars.

*September 28, 1923:* "A letter from the Grand Master was read stating that on November 1, 1923 the cornerstone of the George Washington Memorial would be laid at Alexandria, Virginia, and urged the attendance of all members on that occasion."

*November 1, 1923:* The Grand Lodge of Maryland, together with eight hundred Knights Templar and thirty-five hundred members of subordinate lodges entrained at Camden Station at 8.30 A. M. to proceed to Alexandria, Virginia, where, upon arrival, they marched to the center of the city and were assigned to a position in the parade. Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp, together with Grand Masters of other jurisdictions and Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, participated in the actual laying of the cornerstone on the George Washington Memorial.

*September 25, 1925:* Brother R. Lohman spoke of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Lodge in November of this year and, on motion the committee was authorized to draw on the lodge to the amount of \$500.00.

*November 27, 1925:* Letter from Brother Lohman regretting his inability to be present at the meeting and expressing his best wishes and thanks for help rendered in making our seventy-fifth anniversary a fine success.

*October 22, 1926:* "Letter was read from Grand Master Seipp announcing the losses incurred by the members of the Fraternity in the Florida Hurricane Disaster and requesting a contribution of two per cent per capita for relief of the stricken area. As our quota amounted to \$11.66, motion was made and carried that \$15.00 be donated. Upon further consideration the amount was changed to \$25.00.

*May 13, 1927:* "The Worshipful Master spoke of the property bought by the Grand Lodge to be used for the proposed Masonic Home." Subsequent purchases at different times have raised the original area from 266.1 acres to 338.6 acres, the total cost of which has been \$91,049.43.

*May 13, 1927:* "Letter from Grand Master Seipp was read asking help for the Mississippi Flood sufferers and, upon motion, \$60.00 was donated for this relief."

*May 27, 1927:* "Letter was read from Grand Master Seipp requesting the different lodges to loan \$1,000.00 at five per cent or as much as they feel able to lend to the Grand Lodge for the purchase of the proposed home site at Bonnie Blink. On motion it was ordered to lend the Grand Lodge \$1,000.00."

*October 26, 1928:* "Letter was read from the Grand Master announcing a husking bee at Bonnie Blink on November 12, and calling on members for assistance in the husking. Past Master Sanford was appointed captain of the teams from Corinthian Lodge."

*September 27, 1929:* "Letter from the Grand Master thanking Corinthian Lodge and especially Past Master Franck for their cooperation in renewing, repairing, and painting the roofs of the several buildings at Bonnie Blink."

*October 25, 1929:* Past Master Sanford was again appointed captain of Corinthian's workers at the husking party at Bonnie Blink.

*April 11, 1930:* "The Worshipful Master stated there would be no business transacted at this meeting out of respect to the memory of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Warren S. Seipp, who died today after serving the Craft in this capacity since 1920. His body lay in state at the Masonic Temple where it was viewed by more than fifteen thousand of the brethren. His funeral cortege from the Temple was the largest ever witnessed in Baltimore. He was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Towson.

*May 19, 1931:* The Lodge attended the breaking of ground for the first unit of the Masonic Homes at Bonnie Blink. The ceremony was attended by sixty-five hundred Masons and their friends.

*September 11, 1931:* "A letter was received asking Corinthian Lodge to loan the Grand Lodge all funds on hand above those needed for operating expenses at five percent interest. After some discussion, it was decided to lend the Grand Lodge five thousand dollars."

*October 10, 1931:* The Grand Lodge of Maryland, escorted by the Grand Commandery laid the cornerstone of the Masonic Homes at Cockeysville, Maryland. Deputy Grand Master, George W. Livingston, acting as Grand Master, spread the cement with the same trowel as was used by George Washington when he laid the cornerstone of the National Capitol at Washington, D. C.

*October 23, 1931:* New By-laws were adopted. These new regulations increased the dues of each member two dollars to cover the assessment made by the Grand Lodge for the maintenance of the Masonic Homes and also made it obligatory for all life members to pay the various Grand Lodge assessments.

*April 29, 1932:* The Grand Lodge held a Washington Bi-centennial celebration at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Auditorium, Baltimore, Maryland.

*May 12, 1932:* Many members of Corinthian Lodge attended the dedication of the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

*July 1, 1932:* The Masonic Employment Bureau was established. In the first six months of its existence the Bureau registered 1168 Masons and 411 dependents of Masons. During the same period it made 71 placements.

*September 9, 1932:* "The Worshipful Master directed attention to the dedication of the Warren S. Seipp Memorial on September 24, 1932."

*September 23, 1932:* "The Worshipful Master directed attention to the dedication of the Masonic Homes to be held on October 22, 1932." Before an assembly of ten thousand Masons their families and friends, Grand Master Gorsuch (striking thrice with the gavel) dedicated the Homes with the following brief words, "In the name of the whole Fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this home to Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." The program included an oration "Let There Be Light," by the Reverend Edwin Holt Hughes, Bishop, Washington area, Methodist Episcopal Church, and music by the Masonic Choir. The buiding cost \$606,293.50 and contains 247 rooms, the furnishings of which were estimated to cost \$46,290.00.

*November 25, 1932:* The newly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother George W. Livingston presented Past Master Gardner with a beautiful floral tribute in honor of his election as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

*December 9, 1933:* "The Worshipful Master announced that an application had been received from a worthy brother for admission to the Masonic Homes of himself and wife, and would welcome a motion from the Lodge to approve this application. The motion was made and carried." This was Corinthian's first application for admission to the Homes.

*February 24, 1933:* Past Master Samuel H. Wheeler was publicly congratulated on the occasion of the celebration of his forty-seventh year as a member of the Lodge.

*May 1, 1934:* The Masonic Homes were formally opened for the reception of guests. Brother Samuel H. Wheeler, Past Master and his wife were the first residents accepted by the Homes from Corinthian Lodge. They were accepted this day.











